

## **Key Dates for Guidance**

- CAO opens on **November 5<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026** (cost €25). Ensure to open your account to have it registered.
- Closing Date for CAO form is **February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5.15pm**- No restricted courses or applications can be made after this date.
- **February-April** Interviews and portfolio presentations for restricted courses. Marks from these are added to your CAO points in August to meet the conditions.

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| <b>April:</b>              | Register and apply for the SUSI Grant <a href="http://www.susi.ie">www.susi.ie</a> |
| <b>May 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> | Closing date for late CAO applications (€60 online)                                |
| <b>May 5<sup>th</sup>:</b> | Change of Mind facility opens (free of charge)                                     |
| <b>Before end May:</b>     | Statement of Application Record sent to all CAO applicants                         |

## **Activities/Events**

### **October:**

- All Form 6 Students will be offered a 1 hour review appointment with the career guidance teacher. This appointment will help students get organised for applications and ensure the best approach or pathway is explored.
- Discussion will be had around levels/targets and points, subject strengths and study skills.
- HEAR will be reviewed with student's home address and discussed with parents (where necessary).
- Assistance with Eunicas and CAO processes offered.

### **November**

- Open CAO account in class (bring debit/credit card and list of courses)

### **December**

- CAO demonstrations and applications.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> level college and PLC presentations during careers classes.
- HEAR AND DARE applications

### **January**

- Mock Interviews for 6<sup>th</sup> years who are applying form restricted courses/PLC'S and different routes.
- Assistance with apprenticeships/traineeships and other routes during careers classes.

### **February-May:** (one-to-one / group appointments)

- Guidance back up plans
- Mock exam reviews
- Review of student priorities
- Scholarships/Bursaries and Susi applications